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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken final decision for setting up of National Fisheries Development Board for overall development of this sector particularly inland fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the location and the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(c) the extent of poaching in our waters by foreign trawlers; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to control this menace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): The proposal to set up a National Fisheries Development Board to bring major activities relating to fisheries and aquaculture for focused attention and professional management has been considered and endorsed by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC). After approval of the proposal by the Cabinet, other details including location would be finalized.

(c)&(d): Although a total of 79 fishing vessels and 596 fishermen were apprehended during the last 3 years for poaching in our waters, there has been considerable drop in the cases of poaching by the foreign fishing vessels in Indian waters mainly on account of enhanced patrolling by Coast Guard Units. The Coast Guard ships and air craft maintain regular surveillance in vulnerable areas frequented by the poachers.